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REGIONAL GROUPS FOR TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND MUTUAL
ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES (TEMA)

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1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL, SCIOFF OUTLINED US OBJECTIONS TO THE IOC SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSALS TO CREATE REGIONAL GROUPS IN TEMA WORKING COMMITTEE TO VITALIY SLADKOV, CHAIRMAN OF THE OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMITTEE OF THE USSR, AND TO BELYAYEV, SECRETARY OF THE USSR COMMITTEE. (NOTE: BELYAYEV, WHOM SLADKOV WRONGLY INTRODUCED AS HIS "BOSS" ALTHOUGH BELYAYEV'S POSITION WOULD SEEM TO MAKE HIM SUBORDINATE TO SLADKOV, WAS CLEARLY IN CHARGE ON THE SOVIET SIDE.)

2. AFTER LISTENING TO SCIOFF'S REMARKS, BELYAYEV RESPONDED FIRST TO QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S EXCLUSION FROM THE REGIONAL GROUPS. HE NOTED THAT UNESCO COUNCIL HAD VOTED IN MARCH NOT TO INVITE
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SOUTH AFRICA TO ANY UNESCO ACTIVITIES. THEREFORE, BY NOT PLACING SOUTH AFRICA IN ANY REGIONAL GROUP THE IOC SECRETARIAT WAS SIMPLY FOLLOWING THE DECISIONS OF THE UNESCO COUNCIL. BELYAYEV NOTED THAT THE USSR ALSO FAVORED STRICTLY ADHERING TO THIS DECISION. BELYAYEV INQUIRED WHETHER THE US DELEGATION TO THE TEMA WORKING COMMITTEE WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S NON INVITATION. SCIOFF REPLIED

THAT HE HAD NO DEFINITE INFORMATION ON THAT SUBJECT, HOWEVER, HE COMMENTED THAT THE US FAVORS THE PRINCIPLE THAT NO COUNTRY SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM UN ACTIVITIES BECAUSE OF ITS POLITICAL SYSTEM.

3. BELYAYEV COMMENTED THAT SOVIET UNION WAS AGAINST "PURE REGIONALIZATION", WHICH COULD EXCLUDE NON-CONTIGUOUS STATES FROM JOINING A REGIONAL GROUPING IN WHICH THEY HAD AN INTEREST. BELYAYEV SECONDED SCIOFF IN POINTING TO CARIBBEAN GROUP AS EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF NON-EXCLUSIVE REGIONAL GROUPING WHICH THE USSR FAVORED. HE NOTED THAT US AND SOVIET POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE SEEMED CONGRUENT. SOVIETS HAD NOT SEEN COPY OF THE SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT, AND BELYAYEV WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER A GROUP OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD INSTIGATED THE PROPOSAL.

4. AT END OF MEETING SLADKOV ASKED SCIOFF TO CONTACT DR. DAVID WALLACE, HEAD OF THE US DELEGATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE IOC. SLADKOV WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER WALLACE HAS ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A JOINT US-USSR STUDY GROUP FOR THE NORTH PACIFIC, WHICH SLADKOV AND WALLACE REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE IOC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN PARIS IN APRIL, 1977.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT CONTACT WALLACE AT NOAA AND PASS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SLADKOV'S QUESTION TO HIM.
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